

17.28.070 – Historic signs

A small number of existing signs in the City may be closely identified with a cultural or commercial entity or building that forms a part of the character or history of the community. Such signs, however, may have been erected under a previous code and may not conform to all of the provisions of this Chapter. The intent of this Section is to permit such signs to be maintained. Therefore, a sign erected at least forty (40) years prior to the year of application for Historic Sign designation that does not conform to one or more provisions of this Chapter may continue to be maintained and shall not be subject to the amortization provisions of this Title, if the City Council determines, upon the recommendation of the Historic Preservation Commission, that all of the following standards have been met:

- A. The sign was lawfully erected at least forty (40) years prior to the year of application for Historic Sign designation and has been continuously maintained in the same location since that year.
- B. The sign:
 - 1. Is attached to a significant historic building or landmark, and has come to be identified with that building or landmark, whether or not it is original to it; or
 - 2. Is located on a site that has been continuously operated for the same business use for at least 40 years prior to the year of application for Historic Sign designation.
- C. The sign is of a unique shape or type of design representative of its era, and that is not commonly found in contemporary signs.
- D. The sign is associated with a family, business or organization that was noteworthy in the history of the St. Charles community.
- E. The sign does not violate Section 17.28.080, Prohibited Signs.

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